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Federal Judge's Ruling Could Reduce San Diego Water Supply by 30 Percent

City Attorney Again Calls On Mayor to Strengthen Water Conservation Measures

San Diego—San Diego City Attorney Michael Aguirre once again urged Mayor Sanders to implement stronger city-wide water conservation measures in response to Federal Judge Oliver W. Wanger's December 14th ruling on the pumping of water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta. The State of California's Department of Water Resources (DWR) has estimated that under worst case conditions water exports will be reduced by 30 percent.

The Judge's order comes in response to a lawsuit filed on behalf of the Natural Resources Defense Council, which alleged that continued pumping of water from the Bay-Delta threatens the existence of a small indigenous fish, the Delta Smelt. According to the DWR, Judge Wanger's ruling will primarily affect export pumping during the months of January through June, when the Smelt is at greatest risk of being destroyed by the massive pump impellers.

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